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(NOTAL)

1. RESPONSIBLE DANISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL ON WHALING MATTERS,
EINAR LEMCHE OF GREENLAND MINSITRY, EXPRESSED RELIEF AND PLEASURE
AT U.S. DECISION NOT TO PLACE 10-YEAR MORATORIUM ISSUE ON IWC
AGENDA THIS YEAR. AS HE HAD TOLD US PREVIOUSLY (REF B), DENMARK
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WILL SUPPORT THE AUSTRALIAN AMENDEMENT AND WILL NOT BE WILLING

TO CONSIDER ANY ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS. HE AGREED THAT A WEAK INTERPRETATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE AND SAID HIS INFORMATION INDICATED THAT THE JAPANESE WERE COMING AROUND IN A SATISFACTORY FASHION. HE HAD NOTHING ON THE SOVIET POSITION BUT HOPED THEY TOO WOULD BE ABLE TO AGREE ON AN ACCEPTABLE INTERPRETATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT.

2. LEMCHE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE U.S. WOULD TAKE A "REASONABLE" POSITION ON AN ACCEPTABLE INTERPRETATION OF THE AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT. HE REFERRED PARTICULARLY TO THE "Z" VALUE ON "SUSTAINED MANAGEMENT" STOCKS. HE FELT THAT A 10 PERCENT VALUE FOR "Z" IS A GOAL WHICH WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE BUT HOPED THAT THE U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO COMPROMISE ON A VALUE SOMEWHAT LARGER IF THIS SHOULD BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON THE AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT. HE FELT THAT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT TO ACHIEVE AN IMPERFECT RESTRAINT ON JAPAN AND SOVIET WHALING THAN NONE AT ALL.

3. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, WHO MADE THE PRESENTATION, EMPHASIZED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE U.S. CONCESSION IN AGREEING NOT TO PLACE THE 10-YEAR MORATORIUM PROPOSAL ON THE AGENDA AND NOTED THE CONTINUING BROAD PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE U.S. IN WHALING CONSERVATION. HE HOPED THE DANES WOULD DO THEIR UTMOST IN SUPPORT OF A CONCLUSION TO THE 27TH SESSION WHICH WOULD RE-ESTABLISH THE IWC AS A VIABLE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION. LEMCHE SAID THAT THE U.S. COULD COUNT ON DENMARK'S SUPPORT FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE CONCLUSION TO THE UPCOMING IWC MEETING.

4. LEMCHE NOTED THAT HE HAD HEARD THAT THE U.S. PLACING ON THE AGENDA AN ITEM ENTITLED "HUMANE KILLING OF WHALES". HE SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY CLARIFICATION WHICH THE USG COULD SUPPLY ON THE BACKGROUND AND INTENT OF THIS ITEM. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD BE GLAD TO PASS ON TO LEMCHE ANY COMMENTS WHICH DEPARTMENT FEELS APPROPRIATE ON THIS SUBJECT. CROWE

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